

APPROVED.08.05.2009

**Chadds Ford Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 1, 2009
M I N U T E S**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: George M. Thorpe, Chairman
Deborah F. Love, Vice-Chairman
Garry Paul, Supervisor
Joseph Barakat, Township Manager
Kathryn Luce Labrum, Acting Township Solicitor
Joseph A. Mastronardo, Township Engineer
Maryann D. Furlong, Secretary/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Thorpe pointed out emergency exits.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Trooper King, Media Barracks, Pennsylvania State Police, reviewed police activity in the Township during June. There were eighty-seven incidents including: 1 harassment; 1 burglary; 1 prowler; 1 criminal mischief with property damage; 1 attempted suicide; 2 other disturbances; 1 suspicious person; 2 thefts by deception; 1 forgery; 2 retail thefts; 5 other thefts and 5 DUIs.

Ron Coates, Painter's Crossing Condominiums, asked that added coverage be placed at the lower entrance on Route 1 to prevent motorists from making illegal u-turns.

SPECIAL ITEM: Battlefield Flag Weekend

Gary Sharp, representing the Brandywine Battlefield Associates, asked for permission to hold a fireworks display on Patriot's Day, September 11th. He said that the group is hoping to add an evening event to the annual September commemoration which will include a reception for members and the community, to be capped off with a short fireworks display. The Associates will ask local businesses to fly the commemorative flag for a short period before the event. Mr. Thorpe stated there is no Township ordinance governing fireworks and he will check to see if Board permission is necessary.

MOTION TO APPROVE FLYING OF BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD COMMEMORATIVE FLAG

Upon motion and second (Paul, Thorpe), Supervisors moved to allow members of the Chadds Ford business community to display commemorative flags from September 10, 2009 through September 13, 2009 in recognition of the anniversary of the Battle of the Brandywine, the largest battle of the American Revolution.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion and second (Paul, Thorpe), Supervisors Thorpe and Paul approved minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting, draft dated 6.24.09.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Mr. Thorpe reported four meetings during the month of June to discuss the Brandywine Battlefield situation, personnel matters, and the July agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Barakat submitted a written report (copy follows).

MOTION TO APPROVE 2009 ROAD PROGRAM CONTRACT

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Paul), Supervisors approved the 2009 Road Program Contract to Allan A. Myers in the amount of \$36,357.30; a contract with Allan A. Myers for paving the municipal building parking lot in the amount of \$30,940.00, and a contract with Galli & Firmani in the amount of \$3,840.00 for concrete repairs.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE FORMATION OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Upon motion and second (Love, Thorpe), Supervisors authorized formation of a Communications Committee for the purpose of drafting electronic newsletters, updating the website and creating and maintaining an Emergency Management contact list.

EMC

Mr. Barakat submitted a written report (copy follows).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Furlong reported the following figures for June, 2009:

Total deposits to General Fund	\$ 91,839.44
Total disbursements General Fund	\$ 76,476.86
Total disbursements Escrow Fund	\$ 8,147.36
Cash Accounts Balances	\$ 2,660,340.23

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love), Supervisors approved the Treasurer's Report for June, 2009 and authorized payments in the amount of \$ 76,476.86.

MOTION TO APPROVE CASH ESCROW RELEASES

Upon motion and second (Love, Paul), Supervisors approved the release of four escrow accounts as listed in the Treasurer's Report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

A written report and fee checks for the month of June were submitted to the Chairman. Supervisors were updated as to status of Ming Village litigation. Mrs. Labrum suggested the Township seek injunctive relief.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PETITION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF - GREAT WALL, d/b/a MING VILLAGE

Upon motion and second (Love, Paul), Supervisors authorized the firm of Donoghue and Labrum to file a petition for injunctive relief on behalf of the Township against The Great Wall, d/b/a Ming Village, to correct all outstanding items already ruled upon in District Court and any other violations that may have surfaced since the Court Order.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT

A report was submitted summarizing activities during June, 2009 (copy follows). Mr. Mastronardo recommended two escrow releases for the Fenceworks/Fanelli project and one escrow release for the Calvary Chapel project as follows:

**MOTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT SECURITY ESCROW RELEASE #1
FENCEWORKS/FANELLI**

Upon motion and second (Love, Thorpe), Supervisors approved escrow release #1 for the Fenceworks/Fanelli project, reducing the Improvement Security Escrow by \$9,121.50 with a remaining balance of \$63,712.80.

**MOTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT SECURITY ESCROW RELEASE #2
FENCEWORKS/FANELLI**

Upon motion and second (Love, Thorpe), Supervisors approved escrow release #2 for the Fenceworks/Fanelli project, reducing the Improvement Security Escrow by \$11,520.00 with a remaining balance of \$52,192.80.

MOTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT SECURITY ESCROW RELEASE #2 CALVARY CHAPEL

Upon motion and second (Paul, Thorpe), Supervisors approved escrow release #2 for the Calvary Chapel project, reducing the Improvement Security Escrow by \$85,579.73 with a remaining balance of \$1,278,409.82.

Mr. Mastronardo informed Supervisors that Bob Banks of Calvary Chapel has asked the Township to eliminate escrow funds being held for future landscaping. Mr. Mastronardo will prepare the necessary paperwork and present the recommendation for Board consideration next month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD**

No report submitted.

SEWER AUTHORITY

A written report for the Sewer Authority follows.

FIRE MARSHALL

No report submitted. A report from the Concordville Fire Company was received and reviewed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman William Taylor submitted a written report (copy follows).

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reardon submitted a written report (copy follows).

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mr. Wandersee submitted a written report noting no applications for June. Mr. Jensen informed Supervisors of a new application scheduled for July.

HARB

Mr. Jensen presented Supervisors with a Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed painting and some minor exterior work at the Sanderson Museum, 1755 Creek Road. HARB recommended approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - SANDERSON MUSEUM

Upon motion and second (Love, Thorpe), Supervisors accepted the recommendation of HARB and approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for painting and exterior work at the Sanderson Museum, Creek Road.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Please refer to the Township Manager's report.

LIBRARY REPORT

A written report of library activities was submitted to the Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Malarkey, representing the Sanderson Museum, 1755 Creek Road, asked the Township to repaint a crosswalk in the museum area of Creek Road so visitors may safely cross the road. The Township Manager will follow-up.

MOTION TO APPROVE CROSS WALK PAINTING – CREEK ROAD

Upon motion and second (Love, Thorpe), Supervisors moved to authorize line striping for a cross walk on Creek Road, expenditure not to exceed \$400.00.

NEW BUSINESS

No agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS

No agenda items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYANN D. FURLONG
Township Secretary